

**What a Year! A Review of 2020 and a Look Ahead**

# Agenda

- **Thank you!!**
- **News & Deadlines**
  - **Statewide February Primary**
  - **Ballot Templates Posted**
  - **SVDs & the Spring Elections**
  - **Moving a Polling Place**
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  - **Overriding Voting Equipment**
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## News & Deadlines

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  - Special partisan primaries, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judicial Offices, Local Offices & Referenda
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## News & Deadlines

# Elections Security



- Elections security awareness and training critical
- Phishing attacks continue on municipal and county networks
- Election Day security response plan
- Of particular note: change your passwords, use long and hard to guess passwords, don't share account info



## Elections Security

# Public Health Guidelines



- We are not public health officials – we are election officials
- If you are showing symptoms of COVID-19, do not report to your office or polling place if on Election Day
- COVID-19 is an ever-evolving situation. The WEC will provide public health guidance as it becomes available
- Public Health Videos and Guidance
  - Poll Worker Training Videos: recommended best practices

## Public Health Guidelines

# **Safety Procedures at the Polls**



- Voters should clean their hands using soap and water (or hand sanitizer) upon entering and leaving the voting area.
- Incorporate social distancing of at least 6 feet when possible
- Utilize poll workers or election helpers to assist voters with proper hand hygiene. Direct them to hand washing stations/assist with sanitizing spray.
- Masks for voters may be provided and encouraged, but cannot be required.

## **Safety Procedures at the Polls**

## **Drive-Through, Outdoor & Curbside Voting**

### **Drive-Through/ Outdoor Voting**

- Any voter can participate.
- Requires voter to sign poll book.
- Must still have accessible voting machine access for voters.

### **Curbside Voting**

- Statutorily required to offer.
- Reserved for voters with disabilities or active COVID-19 symptoms.
- Curbside voters do not sign the poll book and instead a poll worker writes "Exempt" in the signature box.

## **Drive-Through, Outdoor and Curbside Voting**

## Curbside Voting Process



- Voters who are unable to enter the polling place because of a disability are entitled to curbside vote.
- There should be a procedure for voters to access curbside voting.
  - Signage – “Honk for Curbside Voting” or “Call Phone # for Assistance”
  - Having a greeter stationed in the parking lot outside looking for voters needing assistance
- Do **not** remove the poll book from the voting area.
- If having 2 inspectors leave the polling place results in less than 3 inspectors remaining in the polling place, voting must pause until the inspectors return.

## Curbside Voting Process

## **Indefinitely Confined Clean-Up Project**

- Separate from the 30-day Indefinitely Confined Letter for individuals who did not return a November ballot.
- Clerks may choose to send an optional letter to indefinitely confined voters to confirm their absentee status to reflect their current circumstances
- A lack of response means their request remains the same and they'll keep getting ballots (unlike the 30-day letter)
- If you choose to send out the letter now, please note that absentee ballots will be sent within the 30 days (January 26) so you may choose to wait until after the February election:

<https://elections.wi.gov/node/7302>

## **Indefinitely Confined Clean Up Project**

## **Overriding Voting Equipment**



- If a tabulator is programmed to allow for overrides when ballots are overvoted/crossover voted, the ballot must be returned to the voter or election inspector for review.
- If voter intent can be determined, the ballot must be remade so it can be processed by the tabulator.
- If an overvote or crossover vote is present on the ballot, the ballot should be reinserted into the voting equipment and processed using the override function.
- Failure to follow these procedures as outlined in the Election Day manual may result in incorrectly identified overvotes and good votes being improperly discarded.

## **Overriding Voting Equipment**


# Training Resources



- ▶ New Clerks
  - Municipal Clerk checklist
  - County Clerk Zoom meeting or webinar
- ▶ New Chief Inspectors/Poll Workers
  - The two-hour Baseline CIT class is available on the main website and the TLC.
  - Clerks can also use portions of the Baseline class to train poll workers on specific election tasks.
- ▶ Continuing Education
  - EA webinar schedule/live and posted
  - Training agendas

## Training Resources

# WEC Learning Center



## Wisconsin Election Training

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### Welcome to the WEC Learning Center!

This website contains learning materials designed to help local election officials get the most out of WisVote. In addition to traditional learning materials like user manuals, we offer a variety of videos including demonstration overviews and interactive tutorials. The online courses below correspond with chapters in the [WisVote User Manual](#). To get started, select from any of the courses. You will be prompted to log in. Use your Wisconsin Election Training username and password provided to you.

Please refer to the [WisVote Learning Curriculum](#) below for all the available training resources in the Learning Center. You may wish to print it and use it to track which training resources you have completed. (Note: We will continue to update our training resources as WisVote changes and processes occur.)

[Online Voter Registration](#) - Manual Supplement

**PLEASE USE INTERNET EXPLORER AS YOUR BROWSER (Unless you have Windows10, then use EDGE). CHROME MAY NOT PLAY THE VIDEOS PROPERLY.**

Welcome Chief Inspectors - click to begin [Baseline Chief Inspector Training \(Baseline CIT\)](#).

\*New Security Awareness Series - click [Securing WisVote](#).

#### MCT Core Curriculum

Municipal Clerk Core Curriculum (MCT Core)- Sixteen Sections

#### Baseline CIT

Baseline Chief Election Inspector Training- Seven Sections

#### Election Security Awareness

The Securing WisVote Series- Six Presentations

#### Introduction to WisVote

Accessing and Navigating WisVote. Plus More...

#### Voter Management

Voter Registration and Records, Reg List Alerts and DMV Checks. Plus...

#### Absentee Voting

Absentee Applications, Ballots, Reports and much more.

<http://www.electiontraining.wi.gov>

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# Questions?

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